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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:45 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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Subject: Re: FCC deregulation

Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein:

I hope there will still be some way to change the way this has gone.
I know you tried, and I appreciate it!

Melissa M Nece, Palm Harbor, Florida

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Subject: DEREGULATION

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I wanted to thank you for your attempts to stop the deregulations. I was very impressed by the speeches made by yourself and Commissioner Martin. I am grateful for your consideration of the public's views. I have included the most recent letter I sent to the supporting commissioners. Thanks again and keep up the good work!

Sincerely Chris Cameron

Commissioner Powell,

I am extremely disappointed in the outcome of the vote on Monday. I am equally disappointed in the way this proposal was rushed and not given ample time for debate. The decision, correct me if I'm wrong, seemed to be made with little concern for what the public's views are on the matter. It was either Commissioner Copps or Adelstein who stated that the supporters of the deregulation, the supporting commissioners that is, thought that the public did not fully understand the issue. Well, I am a member of the public and I can say that I do understand the issue but strongly disagree that the media conglomerates need to be given more of an opportunity to expand control and their pocketbooks in order to uplift the quality of the media and support the local affiliates. The way to uplift the state of the media is to support diversity and localism and increase the amount of voices on tv, on the radio, and especially in print. I simply cannot understand how anyone can honestly believe that the state of radio is better off than it was six years ago. I believe it was Commissioner Copps who stated that now TV watchers have their choice between Fox, CNN, and MSNBC, citing them as evidence of the diversity in the media that makes the current regulations outdated. Well, I think it's an egregious error to consider that diversity. Whether or not people consider these stations to be presenting the news with liberal, modest, or conservative slants, the fact is that they report a very narrow portion of what goes on in the world which does not deviate much from station to station. While there is no easy answer to this problem, we can at least keep it in check by not encouraging more concentration, which is almost always connected to homogenization. The key to finding a more accurate truth is by allowing more voices to be heard. I also disagree with the assumption that allowing media companies to increase their capital will in turn increase the quality of reporting, programming, etc. by allowing for more funding. Of the media sources that I consider to be the most informative, objective, and entertaining, a majority are local, non-profit, and modestly funded.

I am a sophomore in college who feels like this country is becoming less and less democratic every day, especially on days like this when I see a crippling decision being made despite my protests and those of many others. The first step to maintaining a healthy democracy is encouraging a vital and fluid media, which is why your job is so important. I would like to see a future where truth is valued more than money. I say again that I vehemently oppose deregulation and hope this is not a final decision. Please take the time to consider more points of view as well as the facts.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

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From: TLYNNADAMS@aol.com
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The Honorable Kathleen O. Abernathy, Commissioner

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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